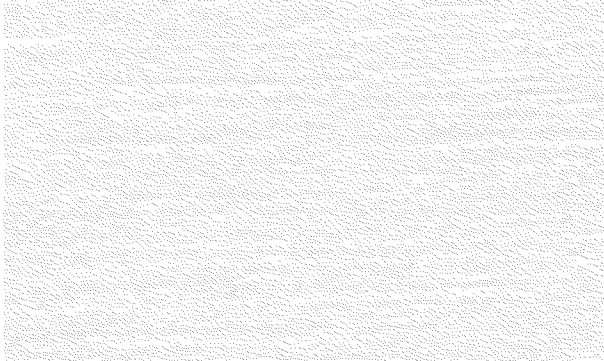


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Could you address question 16? The others are most likely best addressed by the UC/JIC as they are on the ground and can gather accurate cost info. Looks like we need a quick response. I will coordinate and need to leave by 4pm.

Sandy

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Sandy:

Sorry, here's a request for a responses to questions from the Wall Street Journal:

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15. We've learned that this particular EPA cleanup project to plug the mines in the Animas watershed, including Gold King & Sunnyside, cost \$1.5 million and began in July. Can you confirm that?

16. The owner of Gold King mine says EPA has not held Sunnyside and Kennross Corp responsible enough for the chronic leakage and this spill. What's your response to that?

It came in this morning but fell through the cracks so HQ has asked for a quick response. Sorry. I cut-and-pasted her incoming below in case you need context.

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**From:** Harder, Amy

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**To:** 'Reynolds, Thomas'; 'Purchia, Liz'; 'Harrison, Melissa'

**Subject:** several questions // Gold King Mine

Hi Tom, Liz and Melissa,

Thank you for answering all my questions in the last couple of days. I have a few more questions, not surprisingly. A couple of these I pinged you about yesterday, but I imagine they got lost in the shuffle.

It might be best if you could put us on the phone to talk through some of these questions, though I realize it's an all hands on deck kind of situation right now for you all, so perhaps tomorrow might be better. In any case, would you be able to get back to us on these as soon as you're able? These are questions from me, Dan Frosch in Colorado and Alexandra Berzon based in L.A. We're the main reporters working on this. I can be reached on my cell phone today at 202.906.9629.

Thanks much.

9. Will President Obama declare emergencies in the affected states to open up federal disaster funding?

10. Regarding the hiatus into similar "field investigation work," approximately how many mines does this affect?

11. Does this hiatus just apply to hardrock mines, or other kinds too?

12. How much has EPA spent on cleaning up abandoned mines since, well, as far back as your data goes?

13. Relatedly, do you have any estimates on costs to plug the rest?

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Best,

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